

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION
U.S. Serial No. 10/632,483

REMARKS

Assignee and the undersigned attorney thank Examiner Nguyen for his review of this patent application, the allowance of claims 5-21, and the indication that claims 2-4 include allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is canceled above, and claim 2 is amended. Thus, claims 2-21 are now pending.

Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 is amended above to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 1 from which claim 2 previously depended. Thus, Assignee submits that claims 2-4 should now be allowed.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006. Assignee submits that claims 2-21 are in condition for allowance, and notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. If the Examiner believes there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, or there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call Geoffrey Gavin at (404) 815-6046.

Other than the fee for the one-month extension of time, the undersigned attorney believes no other fees are due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account no. 11-0855 to the extent necessary if other fees are due.

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